

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
1:19 CR 131

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
v.)
)
JAMES ROBERT WEST, II,)
)
and)
)
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS,)
Garnishee.)

WRIT OF CONTINUING GARNISHMENT

GREETINGS TO:

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Office of the Attorney General
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An Application for a Writ of Garnishment against the tribal gaming proceed funds of the Defendant, James Robert West, II, has been filed with this Court. A judgment has been entered against the Defendant, dated September 23, 2021 (Doc. No. 82). The United States Clerk of Court balance of \$6,200.70, computed through January 25, 2022, is due and owing.

You, as the Garnishee, are required by law to **answer in writing**, under oath, within ten (10) days of service of this Writ, whether or not you have in your custody, control or possession, any property or funds owned by the

Defendant, including non-exempt, disposable earnings and tribal gaming proceed funds.

You **must withhold and retain** any property in which the Defendant has a substantial non-exempt interest and for which you are or may become indebted to the Defendant pending further order of this Court. See 15 U.S.C. '1673(a).

Please state whether or not you anticipate paying the Defendant any future payments and whether such payments are weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, annually or bi-annually.

You **must file the original written Answer to this Writ** within ten (10) days of your receipt of this Writ with the following office:

Clerk of the United States District Court
Room 309, 100 Otis Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Additionally, you are required by law to serve a copy of the Answer upon Defendant at his or her last known address:

James Robert West, II, #35296-058
Federal Correctional Institution Elkton
Post Office Box 10
Lisbon, Ohio 44432

You are also required to serve a copy of the Answer upon the Plaintiff at the following address:

United States Attorney's Office
Financial Litigation Unit

227 West Trade Street, Suite 1650
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Under the law, there is property which is exempt from this Writ of Garnishment. Property which is exempt and which is not subject to this order may be listed on the attached Claim for Exemption form.

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. '1674, the Garnishee is prohibited from discharging the Defendant from employment by reason of the fact that his earnings have been subject to garnishment for any one indebtedness.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. '3205(c)(6), if you **fail to answer this Writ or fail to withhold property or funds** in accordance with this Writ, the United States of America may petition the Court for an order requiring you to appear before the Court. If you fail to appear or do appear and fail to show good cause why you failed to comply with this Writ, the Court may enter a judgment against you for the value of the Defendant's non-exempt interest in such property. The Court may award a reasonable attorney's fee to the United States and against you if the Writ is not answered within the time specified. It is unlawful to pay or deliver to the Defendant any item attached by this Writ.

Signed: January 26, 2022



W. Carleton Metcalf
United States Magistrate Judge



CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION FORM
MAJOR EXEMPTIONS UNDER FEDERAL LAW (18 U.S.C. § 3613)

- ____1. Wearing apparel and school books.--Such items of wearing apparel and such school books as are necessary for the debtor or for members of his family.
- ____2. Fuel, provisions, furniture, and personal effects.--So much of the fuel, provisions, furniture, and personal effects in the Debtor's household, and of the arms for personal use, livestock, and poultry of the debtor, as does not exceed **\$10,090** in value.
- ____3. Books and tools of a trade, business, or profession.--So many of the books, and tools necessary for the trade, business, or profession of the debtor as do not exceed in the aggregate **\$5,050** in value.
- ____4. Unemployment benefits.--Any amount payable to an individual with respect to his unemployment (including any portion thereof payable with respect to dependents) under an unemployment compensation law of the United States, of any State, or of the District of Columbia or of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- ____5. Undelivered mail.--Mail, addressed to any person, which has not been delivered to the addressee.
- ____6. Certain annuity and pension payments.--Annuity or pension payments under the Railroad Retirement Act, benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, special pension payments received by a person whose name has been entered on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor roll (38 U.S.C. §1562), and annuities based on retired or retainer pay under Chapter 73 of Title 10 of United States Code.
- ____7. Workmen's Compensation.--Any amount payable with respect to compensation (including any portion thereof payable with respect to dependents) under a workmen's compensation law of the United States, any State, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- ____8. Judgments for support of minor children.--If the debtor is

required by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, entered prior to the date of levy, to contribute to the support of his minor children, so much of his salary, wages, or other income as is necessary to comply with such judgment.

- ____ 9. Certain service-connected disability payments.-- Any amount payable to an individual as a service-connected (within the meaning of section 101(16) of Title 38, United States Code) disability benefit under--(A) subchapter II, III, IV, V, or VI of Chapter 11 of such Title 38 or (B) Chapter 13, 21, 23, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, or 39 of such Title 38.
- ____ 10. Assistance under Job Training Partnership Act.
--Any amount payable to a participant under the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. §1501 et seq.) from funds appropriated pursuant to such Act.

The statements made in this claim of settlement to exemptions and request for hearing as to exemption entitlement and fair market value of the property or funds designated are made and declared under penalty of perjury that they are true and correct.

☐ I hereby request a Court hearing to decide the validity of my claims. Notice of the hearing should be given to me by mail at:

(_____)
Address

or telephonically at (_____)
Phone No.

Defendant's printed or typed name

Signature of the defendant Date